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**U.S. CHARGES FIVE WITH GUN AND DRUG CRIMES**  
**AS MEMBERS OF THE 'KILLER BRONX GOVERNMENT' GANG**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced an Indictment charging RICARDO RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Flash," a/k/a "Ricky Ricardo," PAUL THOMPSON, a/k/a "QP," DAMION HENRY, a/k/a "Militant," a/k/a "Henry Damion," a/k/a "Mike," TAI TODD, a/k/a "Biggs," a/k/a "Taijay O. Todd," a/k/a "Todd Taijay," and TYRONE KINDRED, a/k/a "Bed Stuy," a/k/a "Sty Kindred," a/k/a "Tyrone Kendrick," a/k/a "Tyrone Kindrich," with narcotics and firearms stemming from their membership and participation in a street gang, alternatively known as "Killer Bronx Committee" and "Killer Bronx Government" ("KBC/KBG").

The two-count Indictment, which was unsealed Tuesday, charges the defendants with conspiring to distribute crack cocaine and marijuana from 1999 through October 2003 and with possessing and using firearms to further that drug distribution. According to the Indictment, KBC/KBG was a gang that operated principally in the

vicinity of 228th Street and White Plains Road in the Bronx. The criminal activity of KBC/KBG included, among other things, the maintenance of territory over which the gang claimed control through, among other things, distributing narcotics in the vicinity of 228th Street and White Plains Road and controlling the distribution of narcotics in that area, it was charged. Some members of KBC/KBG wore and displayed signature black bandanas, while others had tattoos on their bodies, or wore clothing, bearing the logo of the gang.

As further charged in the Indictment, members of KBC/KBG have recently moved their drug distribution operation to the Burlington, Vermont area, where a number of the group's members have been arrested for narcotics offenses over the past several months. The Indictment discloses that over the course of the investigation into the activities of KBC/KBG, numerous firearms were seized from its members. As detailed in the Indictment, members of the group engaged in scores of narcotics transactions over the course of the past several years, both in the vicinity of 228th Street and White Plains Road in the Bronx and in the area of Burlington, Vermont.

The case is currently pending before United States District Judge SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN.

If convicted on the charges in the Indictment, each defendant faces a mandatory term of 15 years in prison and a

maximum term of life imprisonment.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the New York City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, who have jointly investigated the case.

Assistant United States Attorneys DAVID JAFFE and LAURIE A. KORENBAUM are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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